

## Building your personal perfin collection

You'll find 32 "personal" perfins listed in the new United States Perfins Catalog. Since the catalog was published, there have been seven more personal perfins issued by various groups and individuals.

If you don't have them all in your collection, here's some information which may help you locate copies.

A-215.5 (APS) is readily available from the American Philatelic Society, Box 800, State College, PA 16801, but only if you send along current postage and ask that it be perforated and returned to you.

Alan R. Miskimin lives at 25210 Danna Marie, San Antonio, TX 78257 and is quite generous about supplying copies of his ARM (A-231.7) perfin.

A-233.5 (ARI/PEX) is the perfin of the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs and it is normally used only on covers issued at the group's annual shows. You can get a few perfins on your current definitives, however, by writing Robert D. Corless, 1826 West Indianola Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015.

Chris J. T. Carr is an Englishman whose C/.. pattern is known on British, U. S., and Swedish stamps, and maybe others. Chris will perforate your current issues if you'll send them along to him at 15 Crabble Lane, River, Dover, Kent CT17 OLP England. Two IRCs will help cover the cost of return mail.

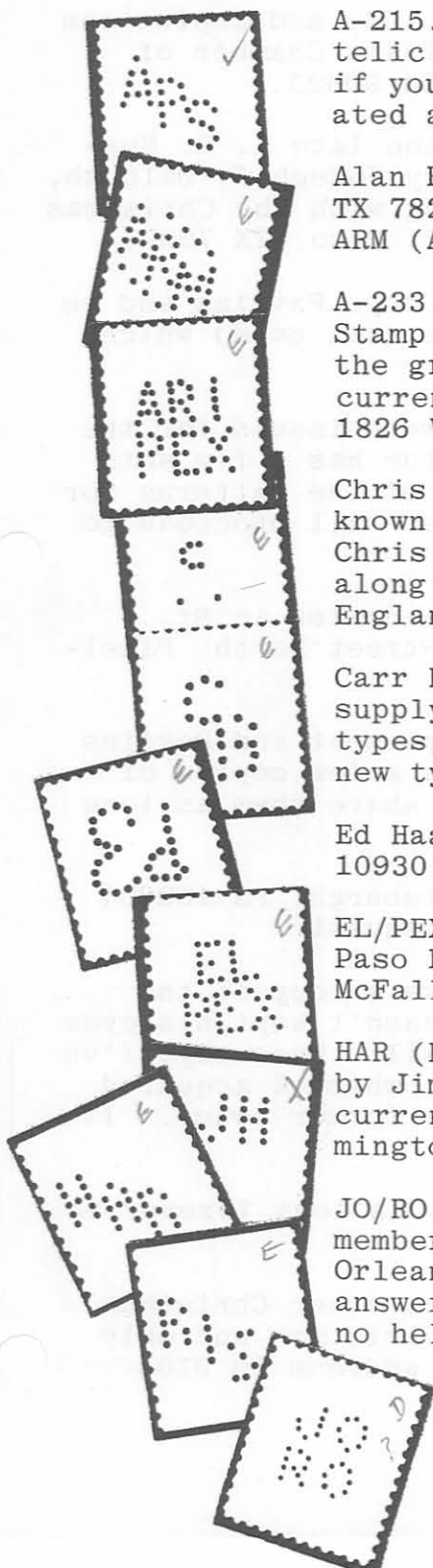
Carr Beebe (3545 Villa Terrace, San Diego, CA 92104) will supply copies of his CB pattern. There actually are two types; the one shown in the catalog was an experimental. The new type, slightly smaller in format, is currently in use.

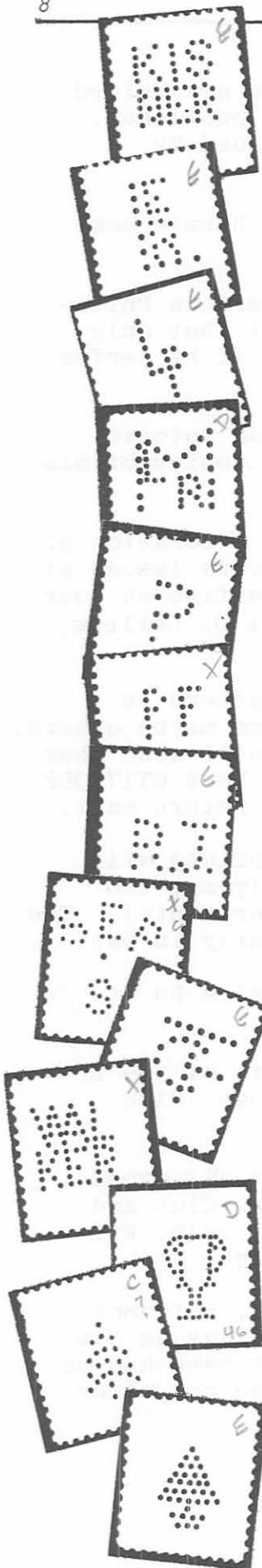
Ed Haack has his first name on his perfins. Write Ed at 10930 NE Klickitat, Portland, OR 97220.

EL/PEX perfins are used each year at the exhibit of the El Paso Philatelic Society. Write Joseph J. Balough, 9108 McFall Drive, El Paso, TX 79925.

HAR (H-21.5), RIS (R-94.5), and JH (J-55.7) are all owned by Jim Harris, a former president of the Perfins Club and current president of the SPA. Write Jim at Box 3646, Wilmington, NC 28401, for copies of any of the three.

JO/RO (J-115) was the pattern of Jo Ro Jung Jr., a former member of the club, whose last reported address was in New Orleans. We have written him several times but have had no answer (nor have our letters been returned). We can offer no help on this one.





KIS/NER is the pattern of Jacob Kisner of New York, a stamp dealer and operator of the Park Avenue Local Post. Kisner will supply copies of his perfin if you write him at 750 Park Avenue, New York 10021.

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ERL is the perfin of former member Everett R. Liebrich. Copies are available from the editor.

LP is the perfin of the City of La Palma, CA, and copies can be secured from John Burns, manager, La Palma Chamber of Commerce, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, CA 90623.

LRM was one of the perforators owned by the late L. R. Murray. When his collection was purchased by Joseph J. Balough, the perforator was part of the deal--along with the Christmas tree. Balough is at 9108 McFall Drive, El Paso, TX 79925.

P-4 (P) is the pattern of former member Steve Pavlina and he has supplied the editor with a few copies (all used) which we will gladly pass along.

The PF patterns (P-80.1 through P-80.5) were issued for the Perfins Club meeting at SESCAL. The editor has a few sets of the five plus some duplicates of each of the patterns for sale at 50¢ for the set or 10¢ per single. All proceeds go to the library fund.

R.J. is the perfin of Robert J. Murrin, a dealer in St. Petersburg, FL. Write Bob at 7500 49th Street North, Pinellas Park, FL 33565.

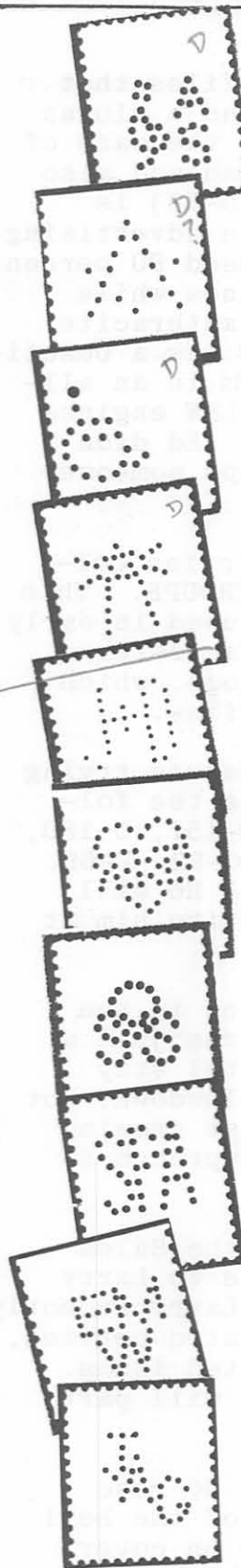
SEP/S is the perfin of the Security Endorsement and Perfins Society of Great Britain. The editor has a few copies of this pattern on 1¢ definitives and we'll share them as long as they last.

Charles F. Tomala (175 Travis Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236) will supply copies of his CFT perfin on request.

If there is anyone around who doesn't have a copy of the editor's WAL/KER perfin, it is clear he hasn't kept his eyes open. I use this one on nearly all my mail. Recently, I've begun using my second perfin, the TROPHY, which I acquired in September from Charles J. Reiling, the former owner. If you've missed either pattern, just yell.

The CHRISTMAS TREE (Design 44) apparently is lost forever to collectors. It may have been scrapped.

Joseph J. Balough can supply copies of the other Christmas tree (Design 44.5). He uses it only at Christmas and only on Christmas stamps, so yell now. Joe's address is 9108 McFall Drive, El Paso, TX 79925.



MUSIC perfin is the specialty of Albert Spencer, so it is no wonder that he uses his initials with the treble clef for his personal perfin. Write Al at Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

The late Ed Walsh acquired the MASONIC EMBLEM as a perfin shortly before he died. We have tried without success to find out what happened to the perforator.

Secretary John Needham is a WHEELCHAIR driver and so it is appropriate that he use a wheelchair as his perfin. Write John at 9801 Dewey Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92641 for a copy.

The LIGHTHOUSE was the idea of Rudy Roy, chairman of our show at VAPEX. Copies are available from J. Mahlen Melson, Box 31, Hampton, VA 23669.

That's the end of the perfins listed in the catalog. But there have been some others come out recently. Here's an update.

JIM HAMILTON and DON CLARK use the J+D (Jim and Don) pattern on mail from their mail order stamp sales office. Write Jim and/or Don at 6911 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64132.

Donald Eberhardt (3101 Jackson, Wichita, KS 67204) got the idea for his pattern (the Eber HEART) from an engraving on his grandfather's watch.

OSS is the pattern of the Oregon Stamp Society. You can obtain a copy by writing to John White, 708 NW Wallula Avenue, Gresham, OR 97030.

The SPA is not about to be outdone by the APS. The SPA pattern is available from Dr. John M. Buckner, 2560 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Ellen M. Weisz (Box 430, Arlington Heights, IL 60006) will share her EM/W pattern if you ask her.

And the newest entry in the personal perfins collection is the JAG of treasurer John A. Gooding. Write John at 923 North Anita Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737.

That's the list. It's up to you to fill in the blanks you have in your collection.

Please remember when writing to collectors for their perfins to (1) enclose a stamped return addressed envelope (2) to ask for the perfin only on current stamps, and (3) to remember that the collectors who own these perforators are helping you. Treat them accordingly when you write.